

SENATE RESOLUTION 104

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Clarence Brown Theatre in Knoxville on the occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary Season and the 2014 Gala event on June 8, 2014.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those entities which serve as centers for performing arts, which give enjoyment and remind us of our cultural heritage as Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, one such performing arts center is the Clarence Brown Theatre in Knoxville, which has announced June 8, 2014 as the date of the 2014 Gala, an event which will launch the Fortieth Anniversary Season of the renowned theatre program of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the university's theatre program sprang forth from the English department when its head, Dr. John Hodges, appointed Dr. Paul Soper as the first Theatre Director. Today's Department of Theatre boasts a twelve-person, full-time faculty and offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Master of Fine Arts degree in Acting and Theatre Design; and

WHEREAS, the Clarence Brown Theatre is a 581-seat proscenium theater constructed in 1970 and named after acclaimed film director and university alumnus Clarence Brown, who was nominated for six Academy Awards for Best Director during the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, supported by the Clarence Brown Theatre's Artists Fund Endowment, which enables the Theatre to bring outstanding guest artists to Knoxville each year, the theater will put on an incredible season of performances, sure to delight those of all ages; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to congratulate the Clarence Brown Theatre and the University of Tennessee's Theatre Department program on what will surely be a

spectacular 2014 theatrical season and join in anticipation of the 2014 Gala event coming June 8, 2014; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate the Clarence Brown Theatre on the occasion of its upcoming 2014 theatrical season and extend our best wishes for a marvelous 2014 Gala event to inaugurate another incredible season of performing arts in the Knoxville area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.